

VILLAGE OF ANGEL FIRE
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday April 28th, 2020

This meeting was conducted via GoToWebinar in compliance with the NM Open Meetings Act

Call to Order

Mayor Mixon called the meeting to order at 5:30pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Mixon called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Present were Mayor Mixon, Mayor Pro-tem Lanon, Councilor Billingsley, Councilor Trom, Councilor Peterson. Also, present were Manager Mitchell and Village Clerk Terry Cordova. A quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Pro-tem Lanon made the motion to approve the agenda. Councilor Billingsley seconded.

Motion carried 4-0

Approval of Consent Agenda

1. **Approval of the March 26th Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

2. **Approval of the April 2nd Special Council Meeting Minutes**

3. **Approval of the Appointment of Members to the Lodgers Tax Committee**

Mayor Pro-tem Lanon made the motion to approve the consent agenda with the removal of item 3.

Councilor Billingsley seconded. Motion carried 4-0

Request and Responses from the Audience (Limited to 3 minutes)

Warren Gallant expressed his concerns about reopening the village adding that the village is a not the same as a big city. He would like to work on a plan for opening up the village. Mayor Mixon responded by saying that there were task forces in place to plan for reopening.

Announcements and Proclamations

Reports

1. **Governing Body Report**

Mayor Mixon reported that after a long and sad discussion with our Balloon Meister Bill Lee we came to a joint decision to cancel Balloons over Angel Fire for June, due the current public health order and the pilots not being able to make the trip. We look forward to hosting it again in 2021. Councilor Trom reported on the Public Works/GO Bond Committee meeting that was held April 27th. The Next meeting will be May 18th at 4:00pm.

Councilor Billingsley reported on the Sustainability Committee meeting that was held February 27th. The next meeting is May 1st at 2:00pm.

2. **Manager's Report**

Manager Mitchell reported that we are still utilizing administrative leave for our employees still on shift work to keep our facilities under the Governors limitations to the best extent possible. I realize that we are exempt from this but we are exercising best practices. We are using administrative leave so we can track hours of non-work verses normal hours so after this we can file for some the funding for some of the stop work. We still provide services across the village. Our water/wastewater, streets and solid waste departments are following best practices as well. Our public service departments, fire and police are working as normal as possible. The community center is still closed as well as the visitor center. Both departments are working on their budgets. We do keep getting calls and emails requesting both unlawful and unconstitutional, things such as blocking roads, denial of services. These things are unlawful and we will not take part in any unlawful activity. We continue to work on the budget and will have draft proposal in the two week for the public and council to review at the next meeting. At the next meeting, we will have the audit contract for councils review. As for the beaver habitat, we will be having webinar on Friday at 10:30 to discuss funding and options.

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3. **Staff Report**

John Murtagh, Fire Chief gave an update on the fire department (see attached)

Terry Cordova, Village Clerk gave an update on the upcoming primary elections in June.

Committee Report –None

Old Business: None

New Business:

A. Discussion/Approval of Resolution 2020-10 a Resolution Extending the Compliance Date Regarding Fuel Modification Order by 90 Days

Mayor Pro-tem Lanon made the motion to approve resolution 2020-10 a resolution extending the compliance date regarding fuel modification order by 90 days, after talking with Chief Murtagh and Manager Mitchell change from 90 days to 120 days. Councilor Trom seconded. John Murtagh, Fire Chief explained due to the Global Pandemic of Covid-19, and the Stay at Home recommendations both in New Mexico and surrounding States, several home and/or property owners will be unable to meet the compliance deadline of June 1, 2020; specifically, those who own .25-1 acre and fall within the 1-year compliance order. I am recommending that the Village Mayor and Council extend the date of compliance for the 1-year section in Table A (.25-1 acres) by 120 days; the Ordinance will then be in effect as of September 1, 2020. Manager Mitchell added that this will also give us time to do some clean up on the ordinance. With no further discussion, the motion carried 4-0 with Mayor Pro-tem Lanon –aye, Councilor Billingsley –aye, Councilor Trom-aye, Councilor Peterson-aye.

B. Discussion/Approval to Request Approval to Apply for Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Grant

Mayor Pro-tem Lanon made the motion to approve a request to apply for coronavirus emergency supplemental funding grant. Councilor Billingsley seconded. Mayor Pro-tem Lanon asked Manager Mitchell how much we would get from this. Manager Mitchell asked John Murtagh, Fire Chief to explain. Chief Murtagh explained during declarations of disasters, national emergencies, and statewide crisis grants are often made available to supplement funding that would otherwise not be available. This particular grant has become available due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. I am seeking approval to apply for \$250,000 to acquire and build a new communications tower with repeater that would service AFFD, AFPD, and the unincorporated areas of Colfax County, AFFD provides primary EMS service and mutual aid Fire services to this area. Manager Mitchell added that this is something the village has been seeking for a very long time. This is different from the emergency management funding. With no further discussion, the motion carried 4-0 with Mayor Pro-tem Lanon –aye, Councilor Billingsley –aye, Councilor Trom-aye, Councilor Peterson-aye.

C. Discussion/Approval to Request to Negotiate and Enter into an Agreement with the Angel Fire Community Foundation to Purchase the Property and Building Located at 11 North Angel Fire Road Fire Station #1

Mayor Pro-tem Lanon made the motion to approve negotiating and agreement with the Angel Fire Community Foundation to purchase the property and building located at 11 North Angel Fire Road, Fire Station #1 also known as the Stromberg Center. Councilor Trom Seconded. Mayor Pro-tem Lanon asked Chief Murtagh if he was ok with this. Chief Murtagh stated that he was, that this was the common sense thing to do, as we did not get funding through the ICIP. We did get a grant though State Fire Marshal and I have the matching funds though the Fire department funds. The Manger and I agree that this common sense thing to do. Manager Mitchell added that we could not negotiate in good faith with the permission of the Mayor and Council. Preliminary discussion with the foundation, they said they might be able to help with some of the match funding. Councilor Trom asked if the negotiate and enter into an agreement should not be broken up into two items. Mayor Pro-tem Lanon asked Clerk Cordova to confirm that a contract would have to be approved by Council. Clerk Cordova stated yes a final

1 contract would have to be approved by Council. Councilor Peterson asked what it
2 would take to get the building up to par. Chief Murtagh stated it would be a phased
3 project lasting three to five years costing \$250,000 to \$300,000. With no further
4 discussion, the motion carried 4-0 with Mayor Pro-tem Lanon-aye, Councilor
5 Billingsley –aye, Councilor Trom –aye, Councilor Peterson –aye.

6 **D. Discussion/Approval of Resolution 2020-11 a Resolution Authorizing the Drilling**
7 **of a Well within the Service Area on Lot 2, Block 2, Cieneguilla Estates**

8 Mayor Pro-tem Lanon made the motion to approve resolution 2020-11 a resolution
9 authorizing the drilling of a well within the service area on lot 2 block 2 Cieneguilla
10 Estates. Councilor Billingsley seconded. Christine Breault, Planning and Zoning
11 Coordinator explained Justin Johnson owns a lot in the Cieneguilla Estates subdivision
12 and intends to build a home. Currently the Village does not have any water lines in the
13 area. He is requesting permission to drill a well. With no discussion the motion carried 4-
14 0 with Mayor Pro-tem Lanon –aye, Councilor Billingsley –aye, Councilor Trom-aye,
15 Councilor Peterson –aye.

16 **E. Discussion/Approval of Change Order for Halo Pines Terrace Improvements –**
17 **Recycle Park Entrance**

18 Mayor Pro-tem Lanon made the motion to approve change order for Halo Pines Terrace
19 improvements /recycle park entrance. Councilor Peterson seconded. Mayor Pro-tem
20 Lanon asked if we were going to get the cameras and lights with this. Manager Mitchell
21 stated that no that this was a change order for the pavement and sidewalk and gutter
22 system. Councilor Peterson asked if the curb and gutter would fall under streets or solid
23 waste. Manager Mitchell stated it would fall under streets. Councilor Trom asked what
24 the cost would be. Councilor Billingsley read the amounts off the council agenda item.
25 With no further discussion, the motion carried 4-0

26 **F. Discussion/Approval of Resolution 2020-12 a Resolution Appointing Angel Fire**
27 **PID Board of Directors**

28 Mayor Pro-tem Lanon made the motion to approve resolution 2020-12 a resolution
29 appointing Angel Fire PID Board of Directors. Councilor Trom seconded. Sally Sollars
30 with the PID thanked the Council for their consideration of the appointments. She also
31 stated that there are two-ex-officio position open on the board and the board feels that it
32 should be someone from the Village. Manager Mitchell stated that to place a council
33 member on the board would pose a conflict of interest. Sally Sollars read the names of
34 the new board members. With no further discussion, the motion carried 4-0 with Mayor
35 Pro-tem Lanon –aye, Councilor Billingsley –aye, Councilor Trom-aye, Councilor
36 Peterson-aye.

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39 Mayor Mixon adjourned the meeting at 6:26PM

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41 **Passed, Approved and Adopted on this 12th day in May, 2020**

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46 **ATTEST:**

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50 **Terry Cordova, Village Clerk**
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Jo Mixon, Mayor



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Village of Angel Fire Council Meeting, AFFD Staff Report

-118 calls YTD in 2020.

-45 calls for service in March thru today

EMS		Fire	
Sick Call	5	Gas Leak	2
Traumatic Injury	4	Carbon Monoxide	2
Vehicle/Bike Accidents	0	Smoke Check	1
Fall	4	Fire Alarm	4
Chest Pain	1	Structure Fire	1
Abdominal Pain	3	Brush Fire	1
Unconscious	5	Plane Crash	0
Seizure	3		
Suicidal	3		
Respiratory	4		
Alcohol/Drug Related	0		
Allergic reaction	0		
Public Assist	2		

Public Relations Events

No PR events due to Covid-19

Training

Regular Wednesday FD Training has been postponed due to Covid-19, but personnel are reviewing training videos thru our online training program.

General Information/Updates

- AFFD is working with all State, County, and Regional partners on Covid-19. Tracking Covid-19 updates daily, tracking positive cases in the area, working with MV Health Clinic—performed N95 fit tests for them last week. The BLM grant review for the update to our CWPP was this morning so we should hear something soon. Our supply of PPE is good. Slash pile burning has begun and our wildland team is now available for deployment.

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